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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ROSS ET AL.

Examiner

Alfred Joseph Wujciak III

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 July 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 11-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 11-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

This is the fourth Office Action for the serial number 10/715,223 INTRAVENOUS LINE HOLDER, filed on 11/17/03.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4, 11, 13 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent # 4,606,735 to Wilder et al.

Wilder et al. teaches a holder (figure 5) comprising a thin, flat sheet of material having a first substantially flat, planar, anterior surface portion and a marginal edge portion (20) with outer end edge, a plurality of openings (H1-H2) formed through the marginal edge portion in spaced relation to an adjacent outer end edge. Each openings each having a size and shape to receive a length of intravenous line (column 2, line 18) therethrough. The holder comprises a shaped slit (located between the outer edge of marginal edge portion to H1 or H2) extending from each opening through the outer end edge of the marginal edge portion. The marginal edge portion is foldably joined to the central portion at a fold line, defining a first foldable wing through which the opening is formed. The holder having opposite marginal edge portion (21) is bendable to define a pair of opposed wings having aligned opening. The slits are shaped to resist

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removal of line from the opening. The slits connect with the respective openings at a point offset from alignment with a length of IV tubing held in the associated opening.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 5 and 14-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilder et al. in view of US Patent # 5,573,111 to Gordon et al.

Wilder et al. teaches the holder and openings but fails to teach the holder is made of paperboard and series of radially extending short cuts around the edges of openings. Gordon et al. teaches the holder is made of paperboard (10, col. 2, line 19) and series of radially extending short cuts (60) around the edges of openings (32). It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Wilder et al.'s material to paperboard and series of radially extending short cuts around the edges of openings as taught by Gordon et al. to reduce weight in holder to provide convenience for moving holder from one place to another and provide additional resistance for the line to maintain in the openings.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilder et al., in view of France Patent # 2,562,042 to Forget.

Wilder et al. teaches the outer end edge of the holder having slit but fails to teach the outer end edge is notched connected to the slit. Forget teaches the outer end edge of the holder having outer edge with notch (11) connected to slit (12). It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have added notch to Wilder et al.'s slit as taught by Forget to provide accessible to the slit.

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilder et al.

Wilder et al. teaches the wings but fails to teach the wings are folded downwardly. It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have moved the wings to downwardly to provide designer's preference for having the planar surface located above the IV tubing.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5 and 11-17 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alfred Joseph Wujciak III whose telephone number is (571) 272-6827. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am-4:30pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Friedman can be reached on (571) 272-6815. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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